



MISSION

The Indiana Department of Child Services protects children from abuse and neglect. DCS does this by partnering with families and communities to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes.

VISION

Children thrive in safe, caring, supportive families and communities.

VALUES

- We believe every child has the right to be free from abuse and neglect.
 - We believe every child has the right to appropriate care and a permanent home.
 - We believe parents have the primary responsibility for the care and safety of their children.
 - We believe the most desirable place for children to grow up is with their own families, when these families are able to provide safe, nurturing, and stable homes.
 - We believe in personal accountability for outcomes, including one's growth and development.
 - We believe every person has value, worth, and dignity.
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